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MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Mortality—Yellow fever at Merida—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, September 18, as follows:

During the period from September 8 to September 18, 1905, there were reported the following deaths: Malarial fever, 2; rheumatism, 1; senile debility, 1; congenital debility, 1; syphilis, 1; no deaths nor cases of quarantinable disease. In Merida 1 case of yellow fever was reported as confirmed in the lazaretto of that city. Of this case I wired the Department as soon as I could get official confirmation of it. It came to my notice through a paragraph in *La Revista de Merida* of September 15, received here the morning of the 16th. The latter day being a national holiday, I could not consult the proper authorities. On the following day, the 17th, the sanitary office here knew nothing of the case, but telephoned direct to the lazaretto, Merida, and at once received confirmation. I have not yet been able to secure a history of the case, but shall try to do so, as it is the first to occur in Yucatan since March 18 last, according to official statement.

Infection is thought to have occurred in Veracruz.

The weather continues very hot and rather humid, with more rain than during the past two summers' service here. Recently mosquitoes have been more numerous and annoying than before. Little attention, it appears, is being paid to protection of water containers, at least in this place.

During the week there were cleared from this port for ports of the United States 8 steamships, with crews numbering in all 322 persons, and passengers, to the United States, 55. Of these steamships, all bound for Gulf ports were fumigated.

I inclose herewith a numerical statement of yellow-fever cases in Merida, 1904 and 1905.

Number of cases of yellow fever in Merida, Yucatan, during the year 1904 and of 1905 to September 1.

YEAR 1904.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Mexican	44	19
Italian	6	4
Spanish	50	13
Turkish	12	2
English	1	0
American	3	0
Porto Rican	1	0
French	1	0
Greek	1	1
Total	119	39

Percentage, 32.773.

YEAR 1905 TO SEPTEMBER.

Turkish	3	2
Spanish	2	1
Total	5	3

Percentage, 60.